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LOK SABHA

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SURVEY FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the extent of agricultural land throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to prepare schemes to increase the land for agriculture purpose in the country;

(d) if so, the details of the said schemes;

(e) the amount likely to be spent by the Government for implementation of the said schemes; and

(f) the progress made/achieved in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The land use classification data indicates that Agriculture land is 182.92 million hectare and Net Sown Area is 132.86 million hectare in 2002-03. This has been complied on the basis of data collected from States/Union Territories.

(c)&(d): Government of India is already implementing various programmes for treating rainfed/degraded lands namely
(i) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA),
(ii) Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP&FPR),
(iii) Reclamation of

Alkali Soil (RAS),
(iv) Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA),
(v) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP),
(vi) Desert Development Programme (DDP) and
(vii) Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) for development and optimum utilization of agricultural land.

Due to implementation of these schemes/programmes large area has been brought under cultivation through reclamation of wastelands and other degraded lands.

(e): The Xth Plan Outlay for expenditure under the Programme/Scheme is as under:

Name of the Programme	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
NWDPRA	100000
RVP & FPR	80000
WDPSCA	10000
RAS	10000
DPAP	150000
DDP	110000
IWDP	180000

(f): Programme/Scheme wise progress is Annexed.